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§170.21 Scope.

This subpart sets forth establishment and discontinuance criteria for LORAN-C.

§ 170.23 LORAN-C establishment criteria.

- (a) The criteria in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this section, along with general facility and navigational aid establishment requirements, must be met before a runway can be eligible for LORAN-C approach.
- (1) A runway must have landing surfaces judged adequate by the FAA to accommodate aircraft expected to use the approach and meet all FAA-required airport design criteria for non-precision runways.
- (2) A runway must be found acceptable for instrument flight rules operations as a result of an airport airspace analysis conducted in accordance with the current FAA regulations and provisions
- (3) The LORAN-C signal must be of sufficient quality and accuracy to pass an FAA flight inspection.
- (4) It must be possible to remove, mark, or light all approach obstacles in accordance with FAA marking and lighting provisions.
- (5) Appropriate weather information must be available.
- (6) Air-to-ground communications must be available at the initial approach fix minimum altitude and at the missed approach altitude.
- (b) A runway meets the establishment criteria for a LORAN-C approach when it satisfies paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this section and the estimated value of benefits associated with the LORAN-C approach equals or exceeds the estimated costs (benefit-cost ratio equals or exceeds one). As defined in §170.3 of this part, the benefit-cost ratio is the ratio of the present value of the LORAN-C lifecycle benefits (PVB) to the present value of LORAN-C life-cycle costs (PVC):

$PVB/PVC \ge 1.0$

(c) The criteria do not cover all situations that may arise and are not used as a sole determinant in denying or granting the establishment of non-precision LORAN-C approach for which

there is a demonstrated operational or air traffic control requirement.

§ 170.25 LORAN-C discontinuance criteria.

A LORAN-C nonprecision approach may be subject to discontinuance when the present value of the continued maintenance costs (PVCM) of the LORAN-C approach exceed the present value of its remaining life-cycle benefits (PVB):

PVB/PVCM < 1.0

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